

## **Health and Human Services Transformation Project (HTP) Long Term Care Stakeholder Council Minutes**

**Date:** December 15, 2008

**Attendees:**

MaryAnn Cooney, DHHS  
Katie Dunn, DHHS  
Nancy Rollins, DHHS  
Valerie Hamilton, DHHS  
Steve Bartels, Dartmouth Medical School  
Donna Guillemette, NH Adult Day Services Association  
Deborah Hopkins, Private Provider Network  
Betsy Miller, NH Association of Counties  
John Poirier, NH Health Care Association  
Carol Stamatakis, Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Maureen Stimpson, Medical Care Advisory Committee  
Carolyn Virtue, Independent Case Management Association

### **Topics Discussed**

Valerie Hamilton opened up the meeting and reviewed the agenda. The agenda included the Access Front Door Project, budget reduction of SFY '09, meeting the challenges of SFY'10/'11 and building a bridge to transformation. MaryAnn updated the group regarding the status of the state assessments and that they were almost complete. She stated that there were 700 pain points and 600 opportunities discovered. Some of the opportunities are quick hits and low hanging fruit and will not take a lot of resources to accomplish. Future State Design was discussed. DHHS would like to work with clients in a different way to move quickly through the process. This will include updated technology, which has a price tag.

Budget information was presented to the group. This is the information that the Commissioner had previously presented. See PowerPoint Presentation in eStudio for details.

Katie Dunn reviewed the Health and Medical maintenance and change budget highlights for SFY '10/11. She discussed the new Medicaid Claims System (MMIS) extension of about a year and the fact that DHHS is waiting for the SCHIP reauthorization. Pharmacy designer drugs were also mentioned and that they are expensive and could cause problems when updating the preferred prescription drug list.

Katie discussed the NH Medicaid Provider Reimbursement Rate Benchmark Report from October 2008, which has been posted, on eStudio. She also stated that the Breast and Cervical Cancer program was at risk due to lack of funds.

Change budget items included implementing the Regional Public Health Model, the 10-year Mental Health plan, and the Governor's Commission for Drug and Alcohol 2.5M proposed to go to substance abuse.

Nancy Rollins reviewed the maintenance and change budget for Long Term Care. Nancy discussed the Developmental Disability (DD) waitlist and the wage parity for Direct Service

Professionals. This is in relation to SB138 and solely focused on the DD system. See SB 138 Workforce Development Committee Report 2007 on eStudio.

Katie Dunn and Nancy Rollins discussed the maintenance and change budgets for Human Services. Nancy reviewed the Title IV-E Social Security Act edibility rules in reference to the 1996 “look back “ rule as well as emergency shelters and the need to increase. She stated that HUD has cut back as there has become an increase demand for additional shelters.

See PowerPoint presentation for charts and graphs depicting the maintenance and change budgets for Long Term Care, Health and Medical, Human Services and Administration.

MaryAnn discussed the Human Services distribution system. She stated that the slides are representative of the Human Services system of care. See PowerPoint presentation. She discussed the regional assessments and turning challenges into opportunities and using the Guidelines for Change as a starting point.

Valerie Hamilton discussed moving forward with a smaller group made up of 10-12 members with representatives from each stakeholder council.

Valerie Hamilton facilitated an open discussion with the group, which focused on the issues discussed during the PowerPoint presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 11AM.